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(U) San Francisco—Dropbox Says 68 Million Usernames and Passwords Stolen in 2012

(U) Dropbox Inc. is forcing some users to reset passwords after discovering that 68 million usernames and passwords were stolen from the online-storage site during a 2012 hack. Dropbox had previously disclosed that it had been compromised in 2012, but the company underestimated the impact of the incident. The company said yesterday it was unaware of the full extent of the hack until the files surfaced, prompting resets on user passwords. Dropbox said it had "no indication that Dropbox user accounts have been improperly accessed," following the incident.

SOURCE: 31 August 2016, [Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) Van Nuys—More Than 200 Arrested in Human Trafficking Crackdown

(U) A months-long crackdown on human sex trafficking crimes in the San Fernando Valley yielded more than 200 arrests, including that of several pimps and "johns" who solicit sex from prostitutes, a councilwoman announced on 29 August. Twenty-one arrests were for pimping and pandering, and 177 people were arrested for seeking sex from women and girls who were being trafficked, the result of a task force which targeted traffickers and their customers along Sepulveda and Lankershim boulevards. LAPD officials said that eleven victims were rescued during the operation.

SOURCE: 29 August 2016, [NBC 4 Los Angeles](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia—George Washington University Hires Former Al-Qa'ida Extremist

(U) Washington—George Washington University has hired a former Islamic extremist to work at its center on homeland security, believed to be a first for a university in the United States. Jesse Morton, who was known as Yunus Abdullah Muhammad when he was a recruiter for al-Qa'ida, brings a "unique perspective" to counter-terrorism work, said Seamus Hughes, deputy director of the Program on Extremism at George Washington University's Center for Cyber & Homeland Security. Hughes emphasized that the hiring team discussed Morton's background with the FBI and others, and arrived at the conclusion that Morton's reform was genuine.

SOURCE: 31 August 2016, [Christian Science Monitor](#) and 30 August 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) District of Columbia—USDA Offices to Reopen Today after Security Threats

(U) Washington—The Agriculture Department says all its offices will be open today after facilities in five states were briefly closed due to an unspecified email threat. The facilities—which included offices for eight USDA agencies, including the Forest Service and the Food Safety and Inspection Service—were closed after several USDA employees received an e-mail on 30 August that raised concerns about the safety of personnel and facilities. The FBI and other law enforcement agencies are investigating.

SOURCE: 31 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Gabon—Two Killed as Riots Engulf Capital in Re-Election Protests**

(U) Libreville—Two people were killed and others were wounded as a second day of violent protests against the re-election of President Ali Bongo engulfed the capital, according to opposition leader Jean Ping. Riots were raging in at least nine Libreville neighborhoods this morning, a day after angry demonstrators set the parliament building on fire in response to a slim margin of victory for the incumbent, fueled by accusations of election fraud. France, the United States and the European Union urged calm late yesterday and called on authorities to release the results of individual polling stations for greater transparency.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Pakistan—Military Says it Foiled ISIL Expansion into Country

(U) Rawalpindi—Pakistan's military said today it has halted ISIL's attempts to expand there, arresting more than 300 people, including some Syrians, who were involved in plotting attacks on government, diplomatic and civilian targets. The comments were rare acknowledgment by a senior Pakistani official that ISIL has had any active presence in a country that is home to myriad militant groups including the Afghan and Pakistan Taliban, al-Qa'ida and the Haqqani network. Most of those captured by Pakistan were established Pakistani jihadists who had switched loyalties to ISIL's self-proclaimed worldwide caliphate, the military's top spokesman said.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

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